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EXAMINING GROUP 2631
Due Date: January 23, 2006****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Ernest C. Chen et al.	Examiner:	Juan A. Torres
Serial No.:	10/068,039	Group Art Unit:	2631
Filed:	February 5, 2002	Docket:	PD-201148
Title:	PREPROCESSING SIGNAL LAYERS IN LAYERED MODULATION DIGITAL SIGNAL SYSTEM TO USE LEGACY RECEIVERS		

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2005, which was made final, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application.